

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1632

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In Re Application of: Antoniou and  
Grosveld**

**Serial No.: 09/247,054**

**Group Art Unit: 1632**

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**Examiner: A. Baker**

**For: SELF-REPLICATING EPISOMAL EXPRESSION VECTORS  
CONFERRING TISSUE-SPECIFIC GENE EXPRESSION**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Twice Amended) The self-replicating episomal DNA expression vector of claim 2 wherein the component of an LCR is a component of the  $\beta$ -globin LCR selected from the group consisting of HS3 and HS4, and combinations thereof.

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